

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

See [December](#)  
CALENDAR for details  
on all upcoming  
programs.

### HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

City Hall and the Library will be **CLOSED** from 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. on Friday, **December 20** for a city-wide staff luncheon. We apologize for the inconvenience.

The Library will be **CLOSED** Tuesday-Thursday, Dec. 24-26.

On Tues., Dec. 31, the Library will **CLOSE EARLY** at 5 p.m. for **New Year's Eve**, and be **CLOSED** New Year's Day.

*NOTE: Storytime is on hiatus Dec. 19-27.*



Don't miss these exciting holiday-themed programs coming soon!



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**A five-week interactive  
workshop for toddlers  
and their caregivers**

#### What is it?

Toddlers (18 mo. - 3 years) and their grownups are invited to the library to come and learn through play. This workshop will feature on-site child development specialists and hands-on activities for toddlers to play with their caregivers.



#### When is it?



**Wednesdays 10:30 am to 11:45 am**

January 15	Orientation / Early Literacy
January 22	Child Development
January 29	Speech and Language
February 5	Nutrition
February 12	Play and Movement

#### Space is limited

Interested? Email Cate Sweeney at [csweeney@beecavetexas.gov](mailto:csweeney@beecavetexas.gov) or fill out an interest card by 1/3/20. Selected participants will be notified by 1/7/20.

Unlike StoryTime, 1-2-3 PlaySmart is not a drop-in program. We ask you to commit to attend all 5 sessions, barring illness.

Visit [www.familyplacelibraries.org](http://www.familyplacelibraries.org) for more information.



### 1\*2\*3 PlaySmart Coming in January

Interest cards are available now for our next [Family Place parent-child workshop, 1\\*2\\*3 PlaySmart](#). This 5-week session begins January 15 and runs consecutive Wednesdays through February 12. Designed to support the essential role of parents as first teachers, the hands-on series invites parents to play one-on-one with their toddler in a specially-designed environment and connects them with resource specialists in nutrition, health, literacy, and child development. The series is designed for children age 18 months to 3 years and will be repeated again in the fall.

Families of eligible toddlers (18 mos-3 years) must **fill out an interest card or email [csweeney@beecavetexas.gov](mailto:csweeney@beecavetexas.gov) by January 3**. Selected participants will be notified by email by January 7.

For more information, visit our [webpage](#).

**What's for Dessert?****Wednesday, December 4 1 - 2 p.m.**

WHAT'S FOR DESSERT?

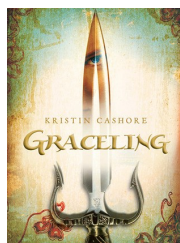
Our popular program "What's for Dessert?" meets the first Wednesday of each month from 1-2 p.m. for a different topic each month. No reservations required. Light refreshments are provided. Donations are welcome.

Dec. 4 [Holiday Stories with professional storyteller Bernadette Nason](#)Jan. 8 [Bollywood Dancing with Agni Entertainment](#)**Knitting Club****Thursday, December 5 7 - 8 p.m.**

When the library closes, the yarn comes out! Enjoy a relaxed evening in the library with a community of friendly knitters and crocheters. Bring a project you're working on or start a new one with yarn from the communal basket! Every 1st Thursday.

**Bee Cave Book Club****Thursday, December 12 7- 8 p.m.**

The Bee Cave Book Club is an informal and diverse group who come together every 2nd Thursday to discuss the group-selected fiction or nonfiction [titles](#). During the hour, members share laughter, ideas, and their love of books. New members are always welcome, even if you haven't read this month's selection. The December selection is ***The Red Tent*** by Anita Diamant. In January we will discuss ***Graceling*** by Kristin Cashore. Copies are available at the library in a variety of formats.

**Friends of the Library****Wednesday, December 11 4:00 p.m.**

The Friends of the Library meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month to discuss ways to support the library's mission through fundraising, volunteering, and advocacy. An added bonus of joining the Friends—a paid membership gets you an extended borrowing period of 3 weeks at the library! For more information or to join, visit [friendsofbeecevelibrary.org](http://friendsofbeecevelibrary.org). Support the Friends while shopping online at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and selecting "Friends of Bee Cave Public Library" as your favorite charity!

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## PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

**Teen Advisory Board****No Meeting in December****Next Meeting: Sat., January 4 2 p.m.**

Get volunteer hours by joining our Teen Advisory Board! Snacks, activities, brainstorming, and a chance to boss the library around - how many volunteer jobs offer that?

**Grades 7-12 welcome.****SAVE THE DATE!**

**Teen CPR & Bleeding Control Class**  
**Saturday, January 25 2 p.m.**

Teen "Take10 CPR" and Bleeding Control Class with Lake Travis Fire Rescue

**For grades 7-12.**

## Our Storytimes

- **TUNE IN to the ages and stages of young children**  
(lots of movement, participation, and imagination built in)
- **INSTILL a love of books**  
(lively readings of all types of books)
- **EXPLORE language and early literacy in fun, playful ways**  
(interactive stories, action songs, and rhymes)
- **PROVIDE caregivers with ideas for simple, fun activities to support early literacy at home**  
(use common materials in new ways)



### Pop-Up Stories & Play Hour

**Thursdays & Fridays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.**  
**For all ages**

This family-friendly setup encourages child and caregiver connections with learn-through-play interactions and opportunities for language and early literacy development. During the hour, the Storytime leader will gather the group for stories and songs. Caregivers follow their child's lead to explore areas for imaginative play and materials such as blocks, tunnels, and push toys.

### Baby Bumblebees Storytime

**2nd Tuesday only this month, December 10**  
**10:30 & 11:15 a.m.**  
**Lapsit (0-12 months)**

Babies, bring your grown-ups to enjoy stories, rhymes & songs as they learn engaging ways to prepare children for reading.



## A NEW STORYWALK IS COMING!

As part of Merry Making Saturday on December 7th, the library will hold the grand opening of its second StoryWalk®. A StoryWalk is an innovative way for families to enjoy books together in an outdoor space, combining literacy with physical activity. Pages from a children's picture book are mounted to a series of signs posted along a path. As you stroll along, you pause to read each page and then continue on the path to the next page. Our StoryWalk will be installed around the Galleria's central plaza directly in front of the library and will feature *Mr. Willowby's Christmas Tree*. The StoryWalk will be on display for self-directed walks during the holidays.

**Great for families. All ages welcome.**

**BONUS FUN:** Last year's StoryWalk, *If You Take a Mouse to the Movies*, will be on display at the Sculpture Park across from the Bee Cave Police Department (behind Spec's) throughout December as well. Art & literature in a beautiful outdoor setting—enjoy!

## PROGRAMS FOR TWEENS

### Bee-Tweens

**Saturday, December 14**  
**For grades 4-6**

**2:00 p.m.**

Celebrate the season with treats, crafts, and games. You might even go home with a prize! **Bee-Tweens** meets the second Saturday of the month at 2 p.m. Bring a friend and join us for snacks, games, and activities at the library!

**Open for tweens in grades 4-6.**

Questions? Contact Terry Lewis: [TLewis@beecavetexas.gov](mailto:TLewis@beecavetexas.gov) or 512.579.2931.



Thank you to everyone who participated in the **Angel Tree!** Please return gifts by December 3rd.

**For photos and up-to-the-minute information on library programs, follow us!**

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**twitter**

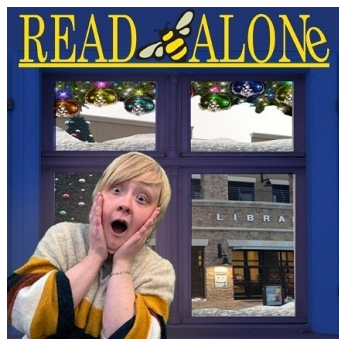
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## Social Media at Your Library

Two years ago, the library launched its first #Celebrarians post—a [recreation](#) of a famous scene from *A Christmas Story*. Since that fateful moment, the library has spoofed [The Breakfast Club](#); [Back to the Future](#); and [Clueless](#) (among many others) and posted longer campaigns such as “Crossfit Librarians,” “Superhero Reads” and “Beam Me Up Bee Cave.” We were thrilled to win the Branding Iron Award earlier this year from the Texas Library Association in recognition of our marketing and social media skills.



For a library, social media is about the relationship between the library and its followers. We want to make you laugh, but we also want you to know about the wide variety of services that our library offers. We strive to highlight the volunteer efforts of our teens and the thoughtful care that goes into launching new programs at the library, like our Pop-Up Stories and Play Hour. And from our followers, every comment makes us truly, deeply happy to know that you appreciate our efforts...because we certainly have fun coming up with this stuff.



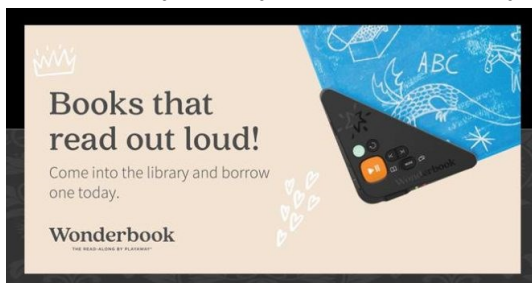
December will bring new shenanigans—keep an eye out for our holiday-themed photo booth in the lobby and share with the hashtag #ReadAloneBeeCave. As a sneak peek for some of our upcoming posts, you’ll see a bit of [Home Alone](#) and a loving tribute to *Cats: The Musical*. (Are we going to quit our day jobs and become Broadway stars? You’ll have to watch and find out!) We’ll have even more fun coming your way in 2020, so we’ll see you in our feed. Thanks for following along on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).

*Gretchen Hardin*, Public Services Librarian

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## Wonderbooks are here!

Your favorite children’s books just became your favorite read-alongs! **Wonderbooks** are children’s books with a ready-to-play audiobook already inside. Take one off the shelf and press play. It’s never been more fun to read along. Use with or without headphones, and no more worrying about inserting the next CD. From the makers of Playaway, each Wonderbook has a preloaded audiobook player permanently attached to the hard cover of the book!



Look for the “Meet Wonderbooks!” tab on the [catalog home page](#) to see what we have now, with more titles on the way!

## Please Postpone Your Library Visit if You or Your Child is Sick!

Please help us keep the library a safe and healthy place to visit by staying home if any active illness has you or your children down. If your child cannot attend school or daycare, please do not bring them to the library—we all need to do our part to keep our community healthy! If you need to keep items longer, call us at 512.767.6620 or email us to renew your books: [library@beecavetexas.gov](mailto:library@beecavetexas.gov).



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